Forming Questions

Sample Questions that could be used in a reading Log

1. Cite several passages to show \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_’s feelings about \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
2. Which character showed the most aggressions (fill in an emotion) in this section? What do you feel caused it?
3. What were people’s attitudes toward \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_? How did they justify their actions and feelings?
4. They say “Beauty is in the eye of the beholder.” How does this apply to the section you have just read?
5. In what way do you see \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_’s actions as being “out of character” for him/her?

Solving a problem…

Ideas for responding to Fiction:

Write about some connections you made while you read. How did your connections help you understand the story.

Tell me something that surprised or interested you.

Tell me about your favorite character. What do you like about the character?

How is the main character changing throughout the story?

Write about a character, compare characters, or compare a character with yourself or someone you know.

Compare your book to another story.

Illustrate a favorite scene and describe the events leading up to it.

Write about what you liked or disliked. Always explain why.

Write about what you wish would happen in the story.

Tell about something you think the author should have included in the story.

What parts of the book puzzled you? Write any questions you have about what you read.

Write about the inferences you have made this week. Did you make the inferences from dialogue or character’s actions?

Tell me about the author’s message (theme).

Tell me how you feel about the ending. What changes, if any, would you have made?

Summarize the part you read this week.

What would you like to remember about this book?

What did the author do that you might like to try in your writing?

Ideas for responding to Informational text

What are some important things you learned from your reading?

What connections did you make as you read?

Illustrate and write about the main idea and details

What facts did you enjoy learning about most?

What pictures or illustrations did you find interesting?

Is this book like another you have read? If so, how are they alike? How are they different? Which did you like better? Why?

What kind of research do you think the author had to do to write the book?

What questions would you ask the author if you met him or her?

What more do you want to know about the topic? How will you learn more about it?

Would the book be different if it had been written ten years ago? One hundred years ago?

By reading and investigating, what did you discover that can help you outside of school?